



# Mt Gravatt District Horse and Pony Club Newsletter

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## Sign On Day

### Thanks to all our members who have rejoined for 2011

Welcome to the 2011 Season! Sign On Muster Day held on 23 Feb (& Working Bee—to find the Giraffes in the long grass after our wet season/pull weeds from Dressage Arena), was greatly supported by members both old & new. Thanks to those who attended & supported.

## Committee Positions

We currently have a new fledging 2011 Committee, but will always warmly welcome more, to spread the workload to ensure your Children can receive the full benefits of Membership to the Pony Club to enhance their enjoyment of learning to ride & Horsemastership.

We welcome into the Positions:- Linda Udell (Chief Instructor), Eddy Foster (President), Maree Forrest (V. President/Noms), Cherie Contessa (Treasurer), Sarah Brown, (Secretary Minutes/Newsletters), Sally Gates (Agistment Officer), Andrew Smith (Grounds Maintenance), Instructors Kim Luis, Amy Godsall, Linda Udell, Jessica Weiss, Plus many more to come.

## Events

We have a number of events scheduled for the new 2011 season. Please check the websites for any events you may be interested in Nominating for. All PCAQ Nominations are required to go through the Club so to ensure payment & entry are received by the closing dates, you will need to email the Noms Secretary 4-5 days before listed closing dates.

### For Events Calender check for updates on:-

- [www.mtgravattponyclub.com](http://www.mtgravattponyclub.com) - go to Calender
- [www.pcaq.asn.au](http://www.pcaq.asn.au) - go to Events Calender
- [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au) - click on equestrian

**Redcliffe HPC - SJ** - Feb 12 & 13 Feb

Nominations Closed (1 Club Nomination)

**Samford GVPC - CT & D** - 19 & 20 Feb

Nominations Closed 10th Feb (4 Club Nominations)

**Redcliffe HPC - D & CT** 26th & 27th Feb

Nominations Close 18th Feb ( 2 Club Nominations)

**Runcorn HPC - SJ** - 6th March

Nominations Close 28th Feb, but filling fast (10+ Club Nominations)

**Mt Gravatt HPC - Dressage** - Official & Unofficial - 19th April - Date Claimer!!

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## Committee Reports - Chief Instructor

Hello everyone !

Well here we are again ready to start another year of Pony Club. We are all looking forward to muster Saturday the 12th 1-4 and Sunday 27 February from 9am til 3pm.

Before muster starts I will assess any new members and/or new horse and rider combinations, ready for them to ride in their group colours.

There is a lot of excitement around the club with the feeling of another BIG year ahead of us and everyone can't wait to get started.

Let's hope the rain stays away.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Please see Muster Manners.

Linda Udell

## Committee Reports - President Report

Thank you to everyone who have helped me in accepting the position of President of Mt Gravatt Horse and Pony Club. This is my first official role at the pony club after being a member for 5 years. I felt it was time for me to stop making excuses and start helping. In the few short months that I have been in the position I have noticed that a select few members do all the voluntary work whilst the vast majority turn up and expect everything to run smoothly (I used to be one of these people). I would ask that everyone plays a small hand in helping and lessen the burden on those that have done so much for so long. No wonder people get burnt out and resign. We all have busy lives, we all have other things to do, so stop making excuses and join in. I would ask everyone to "**come down from the stands and get in the game**"

For me pony club is more than having a horse experience. A well mannered horse trusts its owner /rider. The rider must be CONFIDENT, CONSISTANT, KIND AND DISPLAY LEADERSHIP. Our children learn these 4 fundamentals through participation in Pony Club. They take these skills with them throughout life. So, next time when you are feeling sorry for yourself as a parent thinking of all the time and expenses of horses, just remember you are teaching your children skills that will help them succeed in life! Happy horsing around!

Eddy.



## Junior Committee Report

Looking for interested Committee Members to join & assist with organising activities for 2011. Come along to the next MGHPC Committee meeting to find out more.

Sarah U & Anneli N

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## MGHPC Open SJ



## Uniforms

Currently Seeking a Uniform Officer/Convenor

Our uniform is compulsory for all members. It consists of the blue Club Polo Shirt and beige Jodhpurs for regular musters and a Club Formal Mitchell blue dress shirt, white tie with beige jodhpurs for competitions days.

Our equine friends must be wearing the white saddlecloth with Mt Gravatt embroidered onto it.

*Contact Linda Udell for further information.*

## End of Year Break Up



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## Muster Etiquette a.k.a ‘Muster Manners’

Ω What is expected at musters:

- Punctuality
- Do not mount until you have been gear checked and allocated a colour group
- Helmet and boots.
- Treat your horse well
- One horse one rider
- Back protectors a great idea
- If late, report to the chief instructor for a gear check before mounting.
- All riders under 16 years of age must have an adult guardian present at all times.
- All riders will be dismissed by the instructors at the end of the day. Parents will be responsible for the riders upon dismissal.

**All riders are to lead your horses** down from the floats to the white gate down on the field for gear/presentation check. After successful gear check you will be given your hat cover and you can then warm your horses up (gently – walking and trotting only - except for red, blue and purple who may do some controlled cantering as part of your warm up).

At 9am (or 1pm for Sat musters) you need to line up in a troop line to begin the day. All lessons and groups will commence at this time and if you are late you will miss out! Any late-comers need to report **un-mounted** to the chief instructor or the lead instructor for a gear check before joining in.

### PRESENTATION

Time to dig out the saddle oil and nugget your boots! From now on, all riders will be assessed and marked out of 10 for presentation during gear check.

Make sure you :-

- Have a clean, well groomed horse with picked out feet and a brushed main and tail,
- Have cleaned and oiled gear that fits correctly and is safe,
- Pay special attention to bits, girths, stirrups and your boots
- Make sure **you** are wearing the correct uniform and that it is clean and tidy.
  
- Don't forget a G.S.O.H. (Great Sense of Humor!)

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## SAFETY

Nothing is more important than the safety of our members and their horses. We can not stress enough the importance of the rules being adhered to:

- Never leave a horses tied to an unhitched float. If you do need to unhitch your float please move your horse to the pens or tie it to someone else's float.
- Dogs are banned from the grounds musters . This includes , competitions, weekends, camp-outs etc. Please keep your furry friends at home.
- Keep horses at a safe distance when riding.
- All riders are strongly recommended to wear helmets at all times when around horses which includes tacking, grooming, leading and bathing.

## Dates

Mini Muster 2nd Sat of the Month -

**Next one Sat 12th Feb 1pm - 4pm**

Committee Meetings 3rd Wed of the Month -

**Next one Wed 16th Feb @ 7pm**

Maxi Muster 4th Sun of the Month -

**Next one Sun 27th Feb 9am - 3pm**

Date Claimer: April 19th

**MGHPC Dressage Official & Unofficial**

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## For Sale

### Clydie Cross Quarter Horse

Extremely quiet and trust worthy

She is 2 1/2 yrs. broken in for over 6 months, done a fair bit of flat work, and a little mustering, she does not fit into the young horse category. She is a freak, she is one of the most naturally quiet and friendly horses I have owned, and I can't remember all the horses I have owned - so there has been a few.

She is the easiest horse to catch anywhere, she has no vices with no nasty bone in her body; would suit a family, trail riding/ pleasure riding.

She will mature approx 15.2hh, she is a beautiful red bay, good around dogs, safe on roads etc. good to C,S,F etc.

She is for sale for \$5000 also.

These prices are firm, these horses are genuine honest horses. vet checks are welcome.

Contact Eddy for pictures and information [eddy.foster@covidien.com](mailto:eddy.foster@covidien.com)

## For Sale

### Buck Skin Quarter Horse/ASH

Beautiful, Safe and trustworthy. He is 5 1/2 years old, can be reg, breeding Star Black Minstral X Docs Freckles Oak. He is approx 14.3 -15hh, very friendly, good to C,S,F good ground manners, no vices.

He has a blue spot on one eye, which was an injury from before I bought him, this does not effect him. He has a small scar on one front leg (healed) and a scar on a hind leg front of hock. These never trouble him and don't stand out.

He is safe on roads, in groups or riding alone. always been around dogs. done cattle work, droving and a little flat work. but a very genuine hoses to go on with.

Contact Eddy for pictures and information [eddy.foster@covidien.com](mailto:eddy.foster@covidien.com)

## For Sale

### Flood Sale !

Donation for Goods accepted and will be forwarded to the Local Oxley Supplier that was Flood Affected -

Top Quality Winter Combo Rugs (6'0" & 6'3") - Donation \$50.00  
Limited Stock Available

Training Boots Cob (White/Black) - Donation \$10.00 [SOLD OUT]

Bridles F/S - Great Quality - Donation \$20.00 [SOLD OUT]

Travel Boots - Cob & Full Size - Donation \$ 25.00 [SOLD OUT]

**For any further Donations or details, please contact:-**

**Maree Forrest or Sarah Sucknell-Brown**

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## Zone News

There are a total of 230 Pony Club in Queensland, which have all been split into groups called Zones.

Mt Gravatt Pony Club is part of Metropolitan Zone 1. Zone 1 is the biggest Zone in Queensland, it covers 18 Clubs and spans from Northern Suburbs to Park Ridge and from Redlands to Karana Downs. This is a map showing all the clubs which makeup Zone 1.



Every year the Zone runs a Dressage and Combined Training, Showjumping and Jumping Equitation, ODE, Gymkhana, Camp draft, Camp and the JF McGill Formal Day.

The first one of these for 2010 is the Showjumping and Jumping Equitation on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March at Moggill Pony Club. For the program go to <http://metropolitanzone1.freeservers.com/sj-equitation-program-p1.jpg>.

Most of you will be familiar with what showjumping is, however if you are looking at competing you will need to be BETWEEN 13 & 26 yrs; and doing an OFFICIAL CLASS will you require a **performance card**. Your performance card will have a specified Height Class, & you will have to do that height at every competition. As you accumulate points by placing, you will have to eventually jump higher.

For those of you who have not done Jumping Equitation before, it is a cross between a dressage test and a showjumping round, in that you get judged on your position, (approach, entry & exit) and how you ride your horse around the course. However, in addition to completing the round you are often asked to perform a 'task', for instance you may be required to perform a simple change through the trot between two points in the course, ride with one hand for a few strides or perform a halt between two jumps (these are the more common tasks). If you are required to perform a task it will be noted on the course plan at the gate to the ring. When you finish the round and the scores are posted you will be given a sheet back with your name and a lot of symbols on it which represent the comments the judges have made about your round (there is a key on every sheet to decipher these), the judge will also make general comments about you.

If you have any other questions about competing or are interested in finding out more about the Zone Horse and Rider email Rachel ( [rachelgodsall@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelgodsall@hotmail.com) ) and she will do her best to answer them.